

Salem Limestone 9:30 8/2/69

*Processional Hymn 323

*Choral Call to Worship

*Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon

*Scripture Psalm 19

*Gloria Patri

*Apostles Creed

*Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

Announcements

CALL WAS EXTENDED TO DR. G. M. LAMP

VOTE FAUSKAR 4E

VISITORS

Offering, Response, Prayer

Hymn 316

Sermon

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 252

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Postlude

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 323 JAN 3

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSIOH OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESP. READING SEL 77 PG 624

HYMN 372

SCRIPTURE PSALM 19

GLORIA PATRI

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYER

ANTHEM

ANNOUNCEMENT

NEXT SUN 9:30

OFFERING, PRAYER

HYMN 463

SERMON

PRAYER & LORDS PRAYER

HYMN 87

BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ralph C. Link, Pastor

Christ Church, Duncannon 9:00 A.M.
Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

October 11, 1970

SERVICE OR WORSHIP

Prelude
*Hymn 323
*Solemn Declaration
*Call to Worship
*Confession of Sin - page 4, 1st. prayer
*Kyrie
*Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Lesson:
Psalm 19
*Gloria Patri
*Statement of Faith (Front of Hymnal)
Pastoral Prayer
Announcements
Hymn *INSTALLATION OF OFF & TEACHER* 65
Sermon "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"
Text Psalm 19:1
Offering
*Doxology (Trinity Church)
*Offering Response (Christ Church)
*Prayer and Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 442
*Benediction
*Threefold Amen
Postlude
*Denotes Congregation Standing

The "Mission Study" sessions of Church Women United will be held in Trinity United Church of Christ, High St., Oct. 14 from 10:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., and Oct 21, from 7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

The regular monthly Consistory Meeting of Trinity Church will be held Monday Oct. 12 at 8:00 P.M.

The Heidelberg Fellowship Class of Christ Church will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday Oct. 13 at 7:30 P.M.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Martha Leppard Frederick & her husband on the recent birth of a baby boy.

We wish to thank our friends & relatives for their cards, beautiful flowers and other kindnesses during the illness & death of our mother & sister.

The Mary Mumper Family

The Lutheran Church invites the public to an "Open House" at their Parsonage, W. Main St., New Bloomfield today from 2:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M.

We wish to extend a very warm & hearty "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Elizabeth Saul who is celebrating her 91st birthday today.

Anyone having announcements or information for the bulletin please call the pastor at 582-4798 before Friday morning of each week.

MISS SUMMERVILLE IF THERE

VISITORS WELCOME

Mr & Mrs. DRAVER - Mrs. LEPPER'S PARENTS
Mr & Mrs. NEIL

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God.

Psalms 19

Those who are followers of the science of Astrology tell us to look to the stars for our future. People have been looking at the stars and talking about them for centuries. The entire Bible is full of quotations about the heavens and the stars. ^{LAST YEAR} Just recently ^{WERE} millions of eyes ~~have been~~ turned heavenward as Appollo 11 blasted off into space to have a rendezvous with the moon as well as with history. ^{NOW THAT THE FLIGHT IS OVER} The battle lines have ~~now~~ ^{HAVE BEEN} been drawn and people ~~are~~ arguing both pro and con the rightness or the wrongness of this venture by our country.

~~I read an interesting article in Christianity Today on this space flight that~~
~~prompted me to do some serious thinking about this latest venture of the U.S.~~ ^{UNITED STATES}

Our space program has thrown quite a few past theories and thinking down the drain. Some people have even said that it has shaken the faith of too many people and therefore it is all wrong and it should cease. I believe that I must first state that I believe that this program will in the future reap benefits that our present day mankind cannot even foresee. You and I and most of the people living today may not ^{LIVE TO} see it. ^{OF THIS MISSION} But I believe there is more good than harm that will be the ultimate end. Anyone who professes to be a believer in God and especially in Jesus Christ as the Son of God should be mature enough and intelligent enough that he can change his thinking from time to time. This does not mean that he throws out all of his old Theology and says well now lets start over. Not at all. But from time to time when something occurs that makes our past thinking need changing we need not resist and say, "I can't believe that, why I have had this belief for so and so many years." This is not only juvenile but very poor thinking. We need new ideas and new thoughts to keep our interest alive. We need to be young in mind regardless of our age. This is what keeps many of our senior citizens so vibrant and alive. The continual search for truth and knowledge. The continual seeking and questing, and not forming those dreaded opinions that bore ^{other} people to tears. I know many so called older people who are not only intelligent, but a joy to be with. Their speech and their interest in life around them amazes me. They may not be young in body, but their minds are as keen and alert as any teen-ager. But alas I also know some who do nothing but bemoan and bewail the plight of mankind and the dire circumstances in store for him. And it is mostly these people

whose faith has been shattered and altered by the flight of Appollo 11. Why there is even a society or group that still very fervently believes that the earth is flat. They have their headquarters in England and the head man was on ^{THE} Joe Pyne ^{SHOW} one night. He tried to down grade everything that has come out of the space program as so much hog wash. The pictures that showed the earth as being round were according to him, optical illusions. This is only one group and there are many ~~others~~ ^{ARE} just like this. Groups that ^{ARE} unwilling to change with the times.

One thing that has been proven is that the sky overhead is not a blue ceiling as has been thought by many for many years. As a young boy I always thought of the sky in this way. That beyond the stars that we can see, the sky ended and enveloped the world and the stars. ^{EXAMPLE OF MAN & SAYING ASTROS IN HEAVEN} But man has proven that there are probably as many stars beyond the ones we can see with our eyes. That space is truly infinite without and end. We have also discovered that God has given man the intelligence and the ability to soar beyond the confines of the earth and to reach one of those unreachable stars, ^{THE SPACE SCIENTISTS} to land on the moon and to return from whence he came. This feat utterly amazes me. I cannot for the life of me begin to fathom how men have been able to solve this complex dream and make it a reality. Some have claimed that man has overstepped his bounds and is out in God's realm now. I defy anyone to show me in the Bible where it tells us, "Thou shalt not tread beyond the confines of the earth in which you have been placed." It does tell us though, "The heavens declares the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge." There is the secret, knowledge. Knowledge that is a gift from God for those who seek it. In a poll taken of these most brilliant men, ^{THE SPACE SCIENTISTS} an almost unanimous opinion expressed by them is that there is some Being or power that controls all this and keeps it in the very delicate and complex order in which it is. They all feel that it is not just fate or chance that does it but something bigger than mere man.

Something superhuman and supreme. This is the show of knowledge.

^{IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT}

[^] The United Church of Christ played an important role in this moon flight. Neil Armstrong the first man to walk on the moon ~~was~~ grew up in an Ohio Evangelical and Reformed church which we now know as The United Church of Christ. Nor is the other man Edwin Aldrin an atheist. He took along some Communion bread.

while which he ate ^{on} the moon. He is an active Presbyterian churchman and his fellow church people were taking Communion that same day. He radioed a request, ~~to~~ "every person listening in to contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." This is gratifying to note that two very ~~int~~ telligent individuals ~~do~~ not take all the credit but ~~try to~~ gave it to whom it should be given.

One large argument about this venture ~~has been~~ ^{was} the expenditure of 24 billion dollars ~~xxxx~~ instead of using this money for helping the underprivileged. One man ~~has~~ pointed out that 24 billion dollars is what Americans spend on Alcoholic beverages every year. All of us spend countless dollars on ourselves that we could use to help someone else. But do we? Of course not. Oh I know a small portion of what we contribute to the church goes to help those who need help. But have we ever raised a concerted effort in our churches to stamp out poverty and need. The answer of course is no. Look around and see what our churches are all doing. We spend thousands of dollars for uncalled for additions. ~~face~~ lift our interiors and thousands and ~~more~~ probably millions die of hunger and starvation. ^{EXAMPLE OF CHURCH IN INDIA} I believe we need to all put our houses in order and ~~start~~ being the professed followers of Him who told us to feed the poor and clothe the naked and give the thirsty a drink of water. But we can very piously sit back and say, "My what a waste of money to send a couple of men to the moon and for what?" As though we were all doing, all that we possibly can to ease the burden of the unfortunate.

One other argument that has been raised is the possibility of life on another planet. Billy Graham got into the act in ^{an} ~~recent~~ interview by, "This Week", when he said, "There are hints in the Bible of life on other planets." I do not know to what part of the Bible he refers, ~~to~~, but I do not doubt it. I believe very strongly that there may be life elsewhere. I base this on the fact that ~~once~~ again the Bible does not state anywhere that I have read that the earth is the only place where God let creatures live. It does not say that God limited Himself in His creation. He may have created dozens of earths far beyond what we can view with our largest telescopes. When we limit God to just creating the earth

and all that we can see or feel or touch then we are once again making Him a very small God. We are trying to limit Him and we are doing exactly as the Jews of old, putting Him in a box and hoping to keep Him locked up there.

"This is my Fathers world, And to my listening ears,

All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Fathers world; I rest me in the thought of Rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Fathers world, the birds their carols raise,

The morning light the lily white, declare their Makers praise.

This is my Fathers world; He shines in all thats fair; In the rustling grass

I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Fathers world, O let me neer forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Fathers world; the battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one."

This lovely hymn tells of ones mans thinking about His Father. My friends, we all have little petty ideas of what God is, Where He is, Who He is, and so on, but all of this does not matter. What does matter is that each day we can be with Him. Each waking moment we can love Him. We can talk to Him. And the best part about all this is that He cares. He listens and He most certainly loves us in return. We need not be startled at the events taking place around us. God had a plan and a purpose in mind for His children. If he made other habitable places for man to live on and man finds them and explores them and settles them, it could be a part of God's plan for what we now call the overpopulation of this earth. We must learn to grow in our thinking from time to time. To accept change and to be willing to continually search for the answers that can and will come from God. But we must place ourselves in His tender loving care first, and then He will reveal all things in due time to all men. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork." The psalmist of old stated this and we in the 20th century can very well say it too. Only we can add to it that the intelligence that He has given man that enables man to step on to another part of His creation, also shows His handiwork. May we seek God in all things and may we ever love Him as we ought. Let us pray.